

## YANK HAS HARD TIME IN LONDON

Life in Metropolis Perpetual Humiliation for American.

## CAN'T HIDE IDENTITY

Man With Precarious Income Must Labor to Maintain Million Dollar Myth.

By MYRON PARROT.

LONDON, June 26.—So proper and respected a person as the reader will never appreciate my unhappy plight. I am an American. And I am not a millionaire.

Life in London is for me one perpetual humiliation. I am living, through no fault of my own, under false pretenses. And every day somebody finds me out. I feel as mean as Pussyfoot.

All England has been reading for months about the great invasion. Billions and millions of millionaires are coming from New York to build marble skyscrapers in Piccadilly and distribute golden sovereigns among waitresses and taxicab drivers. The English are a credulous people. Everybody, from old, white-

haired "Nell," who, with tottering step, follows every broad-brimmed hat she sees from Piccadilly to Trafalgar Square, chanting shrilly: "Chewing gum, sir, chewing gum—chewing gum, sir, tuppence," to Mr. Savoy, who dispenses cocktails in the saloon—everybody in London seems to cherish the idea that one hundred millions of us own a million pounds apiece.

America is an elysian land of ice cream, chewing gum, movie stars and millionaires. There is only one class—the plutocracy.

Whenever I look a room in an English hotel the clerk looks over the registration form which reveals my personal and family secrets and reads: "Home address, Kalamazoo, Mich.," smiles apologetically, and remarks:

"I'm sorry, sir, but we have nothing better tonight than a suit at three guineas."

Every pretty girl I meet manages to get the words "Cariton" and "dinner" tangled innocently in the same sentence. When I suggest a tea shop all the disdain in the world seems concentrated in her lifted brow.

No thoroughfare is safe for me. Persuasive schoolgirls with cardboard flags, hawkers of everything on earth, fellows always temporarily embarrassed and keen-eyed blind men lie perpetually in wait for the broad hat and the tortoise shell spectacles.

Once I tried to disguise myself behind a monocle, but they caught my nasal twang.

So I strive valiantly to make a precarious income cover a million dollar myth. But it can't be done. Everybody thinks I'm a son of Hetty Green.



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Proposes Giving Pensions to Mothers Out of Wedlock.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 26.—Shall mothers "out of wedlock" be pensioned?

Discussion of this question led to violent conflict of opinions at the State conference on mothers' pensions here.

"These women are abandoned creatures and do not deserve the help of the State," insisted one woman delegate.

"How about the babies?" asked Common Pleas Judge Frank W. Ge-

ger, of Springfield, who, addressing the conference, urged adoption of an amendment to the Ohio mothers' pension law extending its benefits to mothers of illegitimate children. "The real purpose of the pension is to protect the children, to help in keeping the family together. The illegitimate child needs this protection as much, or very much more than any other," said Judge Geiger. "Why penalize this class of youngsters? They enter life with too large a handicap as it is. The mother of the illegitimate child, likewise, needs this help from the state. Her lot, at best, is not an easy one."

Although a number of delegates vigorously opposed the proposal, declaring such an amendment would bring about a "storm of protest," the conference adopted a resolution favoring the granting of pensions not only to the mothers of illegitimate children, but to children whose mothers are dead, payment to be made to the next of kin who are custodians of the children.

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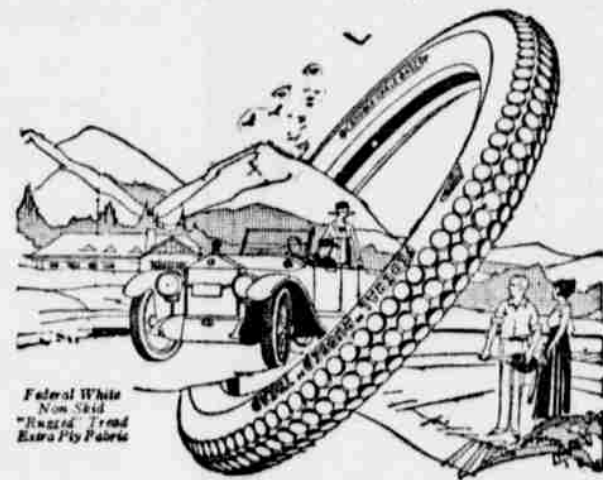
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